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MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR, DECEMBER 18
CARRY IDENTICAL APPHIRE SERVICE STORY DATELINED
RAWALPINDI (AND ALMOST CERTAINLY ANOTHER GOP PLANT)
ALLEGING STEPPED UP ANTI-PAK PROPAGANDA FROM RADIO
KABUL. STORY SAYS PROPAGANDA IS LINKED TO "BLACK DAYCALLED FOR DECEMBER 19 BY PAK OPPOSITION IN PROTEST
AGAINST BHUTTO GOVERNMENT. PROPAGANDA, STORY CHARGES,
INTENDED TO GIVE FULL PUBLICITY TO OPPOSITION'S ROLE
AND TO URGE ITS MEMBERS TO INTENSIFY THEIR ACTIVITIES.
PARTICULAR ITEMS CITED IN RADIO KABUL BROADCASTS CITED
AS FOLLOWS:

DECEMBER 2 (URDU LANGUAGE) "THE PEOPLE OF SIND HAVE NOW REALIZED THAT THE MASSACRE WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT IN BANGLADESH WOULD ALSO BE REPEATED IN SIND".

DECEMBER 7 (CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM) "THE SHIP OF PAKISTAN IS THREATENED BY TORNADOES WHICH WILL BREAK IT IN TWO". "THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS ON THE VERGE OF ITS DISMISSAL AS THERE IS NO OTHER REMEDY FOR IT IN THE PRESENT DISTURBED POLITICAL SITUATION IN PAKISTAN".

DECEMBER 9, "THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS WHY A MOVEMENT IS STARTED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND WHO WOULD TAKE PART IN THIS MOVEMENT". THERE IS A SAYING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN PUSHTO THAT "ONE HUNDRED EVILS ARE EQUAL TO ONE

DEATH".

DECEMBER 10 (PUSHTO LANGUAGE), "THIS MINI-PAKISTAN IS PASSING THROUGH A CHAOTIC PERIOD AND HAS REACHED THE STAGE WHICH SHOWS ITS DOWNFALL". DECEMBER 14, "PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD AWARD FREEDOM TO THE 'RULED NATIONS' OTHERWISE THEIR

DEEDS WOULD LEAD TO THEIR OWN DOWNFALL. BYROADE

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